









# **UNESCO Global Geopark**

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2001- The first Geopark in the United Kingdom

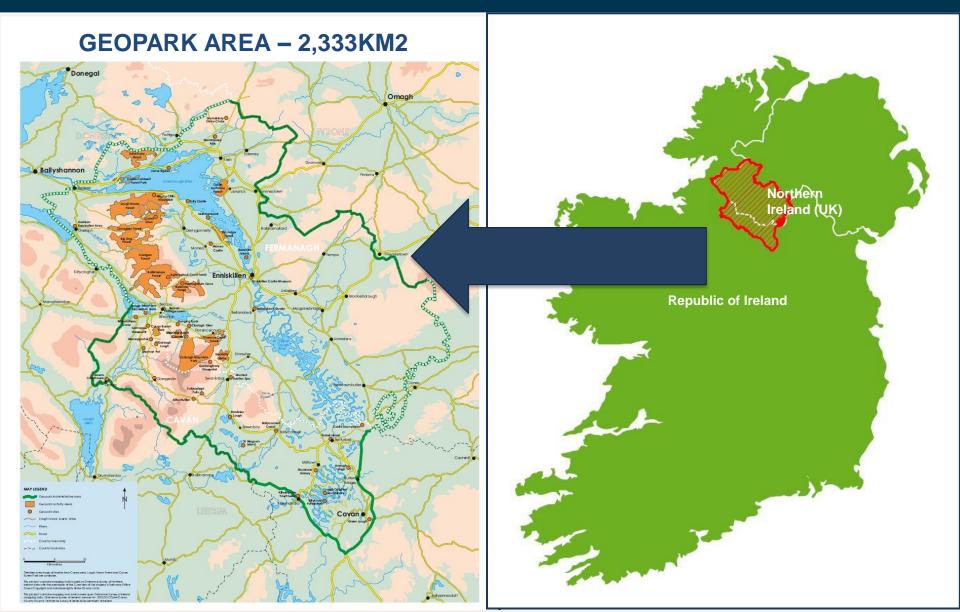
2007- Geopark expanded into West Fermanagh

2008 - Cavan/Fermanagh Partnership
This created the world's first cross border Geopark

2015 - UNESCO Global Geopark title created









# WHAT IS A GEOPARK?

### The four features that are fundamental:

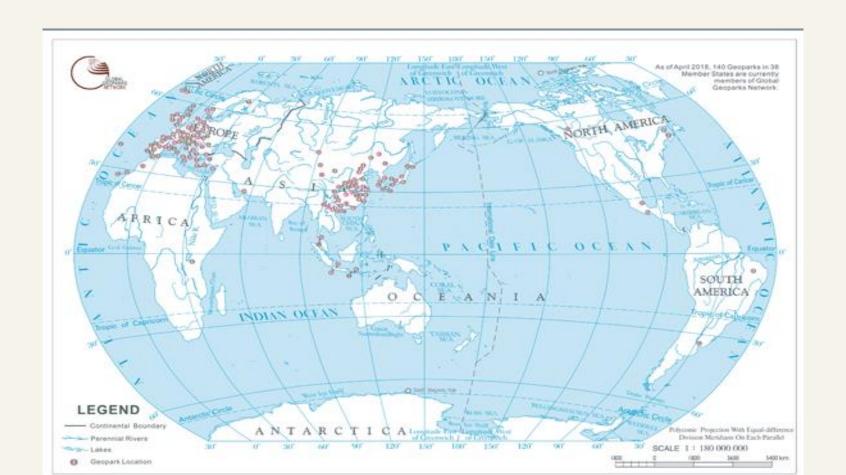
- Geological heritage of international value
- Management
- Visibility
- Networking



140 Geoparks

**38 Nations** 

4 Cross-border





## WHAT THIS MEANS.....

- An area of exceptional geology
- Sites of archaeological, ecological, historical and cultural significance
- A commitment to:
  - a) sustainable development;
  - b) benefiting the local economy;
  - c) Education
- An accolade which is recognised and affiliated to UNESCO
- Status is reviewed every 4 years







# WHAT THE GEOPARK DOES

- Tourism
- Sustainable Development
- Conservation
- Community Engagement
- Education & Training
- Geopark Networking



### **Cross – Border Collaboration**



### **Geopark Management Team**

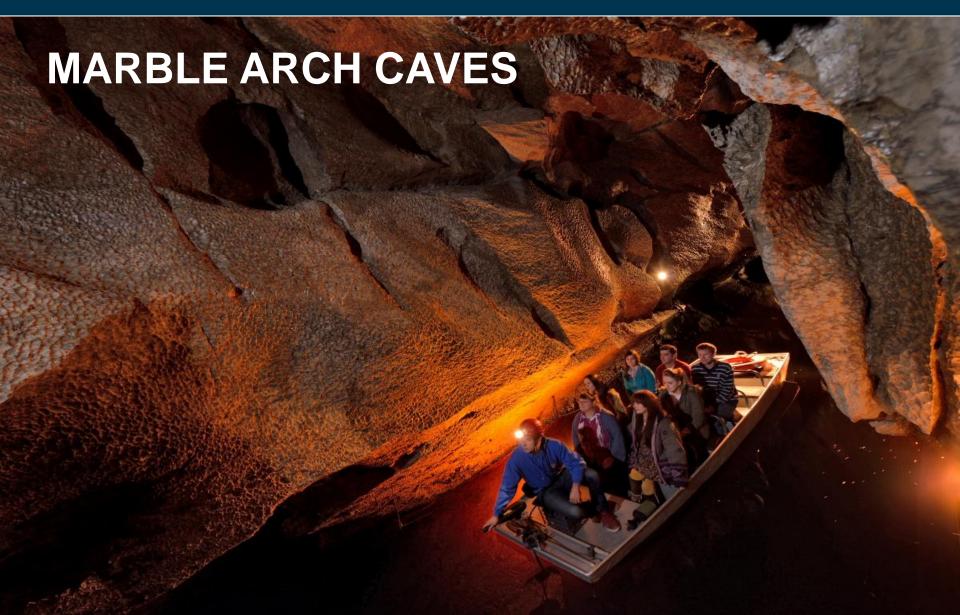
Geopark staff
Area Engineer
Cavan & Fermanagh Tourism Officers
GSNI
Heritage Officers

### **Joint Operational Committee**

Councillors from both local authorities Directors of Service Geopark Manager

Oversight of Geopark























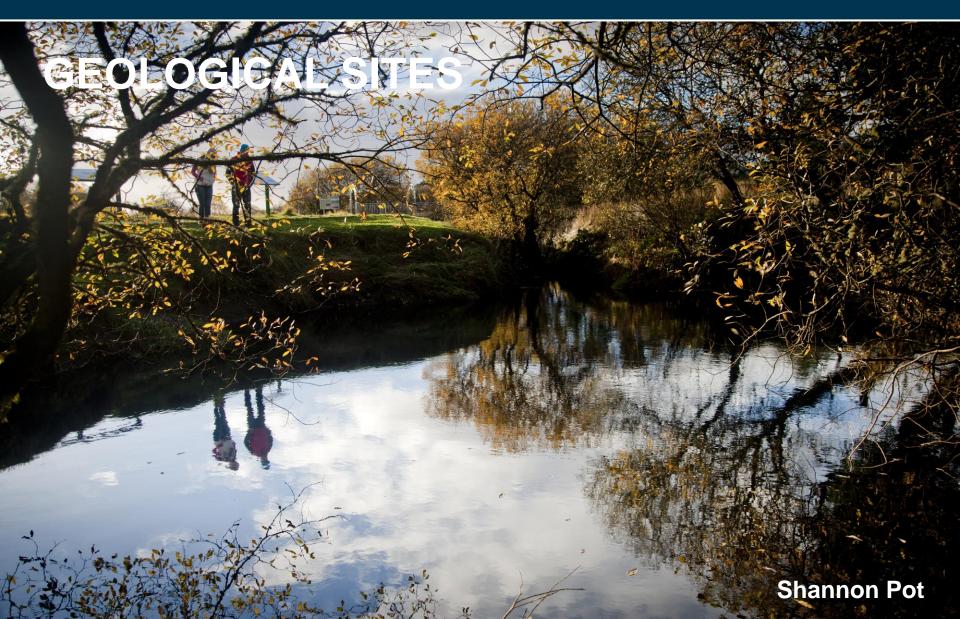














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